



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

27 MAR 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

David E. Spaw  
Rankin, Hill, Porter & Clark, LLP  
4080 Erie Street  
Willoughby, OH 44094

In re Application of :  
KUMABE, et al. :  
Application No.: 10/596,907 :  
PCT No.: PCT/JP04/19561 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Int. Filing Date: 27 December 2004 :  
Priority Date: 26 December 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
Atty. Docket No.: NIS-16742 :  
For: AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE :

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 28 June 2006 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

Applicant's statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" and the prompt filing of the petition satisfies the requirement of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that applicant has now provided payment of the full, U.S. Basic National Fee. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have been satisfied.

The application has an international filing date of 27 December 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and will be given a date of **28 June 2006** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision.

Derek A. Putonen  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of PCT Legal Administration  
Tel: (571) 272-3294  
Fax: (571) 273-0459

03/27/2007 SBASHEIR 00000001 180160 18596907  
01 FC:1617 130.00 DA